RHÔNE-POULENC INC. DRGANIC CHEMICALS DIVISION

9229 E. Marginal Way South - P.O. Box 80963 - Seattle, Washington 98108 - Telephone: (206) 764-4450

July 19, 1988



Certified Mail
Return Receipt Requested

Mr. Charles W. Rice, Chief RCRA Compliance Section U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 1200 Sixth Avenue, HW-112 Seattle, Washington 98101

Re: Notice of Violation and Warning, and Request for Information -Environmental Protection Agency Identification Number WAD009282302

Dear Mr. Rice:

Please consider this letter as our response to the above Notice which we received on June 20, 1988.

We are very concerned that there has been a misunderstanding concerning the requirements applicable to Notice of Transfer of our Seattle facility from Monsanto to Rhone-Poulenc, and want to reassure both EPA and the Washington Department of Ecology ("WDOE") that we provided timely notice in the manner recommended to us. Nevertheless, we understand the request for revisions to permit file documents and enclose the following:

- Revised Part A Hazardous Waste Permit Application-Forms 1 and 3
- Hazardous Waste Facility Certificate of Liability Insurance
- Closure Letter of Credit

Prior to Rhone-Poulenc's purchase of the Seattle Plant from Monsanto, contacts were made with various permitting agencies concerning the specific requirements for transfer and related filings. The advice received was to the effect that Rhone-Poulenc should notify the agencies, and that an amended Part A application was optional. A revised Notification of Dangerous Waste Activities (Form 2) was sent to Messers. Saunders, Bruno, and Conroy at the WDOE on September 30, 1986; and on October 10, 1986, Rhone-Poulenc confirmed by letter its intent to close the waste storage area at its facility, in accordance with the Closure Plan previously filed on August 18, 1986.



Rhone-Poulenc understood that the storage area at the plant was covered by financial security requirements provided by Monsanto. As a request for closure in accordance with filed Closure Plan was pending with the WDOE, we were unaware and not advised in connection with transfer requirements that any special action was required by Rhone-Poulenc. In this regard, we do not have direct knowledge that the financial responsibility requirements posted by Monsanto expired or were otherwise inadequate during the transition and closure process. Additionally, the DOE regulations applicable at the time of the ownership transfer did not contain a 6-month deadline for change of ownership. Please refer to the prior version of WAC173-303-805(d).

Finally, the third claimed violation involved the numbering of one waste — — the subclassification of waste methylene chloride. In particular, the original Part A application listed spent methylene chloride as "F001" (which is correct for degreasing uses of methylene chloride) instead of "F002" (which is correct for general uses of methylene chloride). This classification was of no significant consequence, and the F002 designation has been used in the plant's annual Dangerous Waste Reports to the WDOE, as well as in a recently revised WDOE Form 2, Notification of Dangerous Waste activities.

As demonstrated above, we believe firmly that the EPA and WDOE were provided with all of the substantive information and notifications concerning transfer in a timely fashion. Under any fair view of the facts, earnest efforts were made to obtain guidance on transfer requirements and Rhone-Poulenc followed those instructions, in good faith. Additionally, we believe that the numbering issue with respect to spent methylene chloride was of no consequence and was, in fact, clarified by annual reporting designations. For these reasons, we trust that the enclosures clarify the file records, and that you will agree that neither a citation nor a penalty is justified.

Sincerely,

Sue E. Hays

Governmental Affairs Superintendent

cc: Ms. Julie Sellick, WDOE

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Hazardous Waste Section Supervisor

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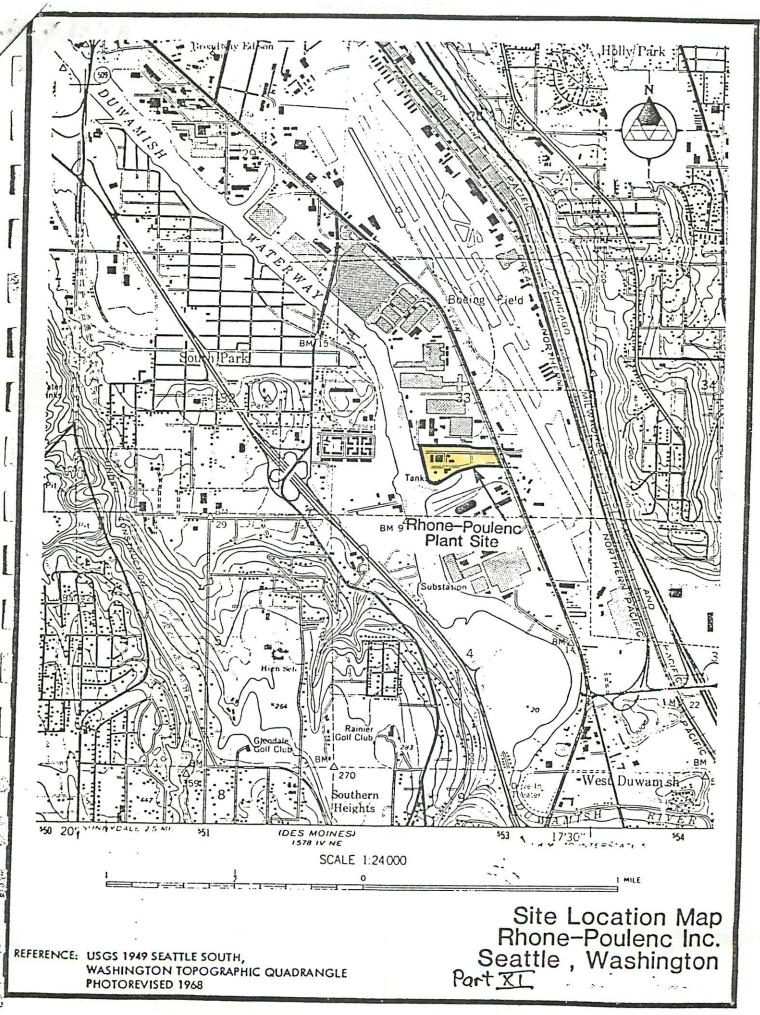
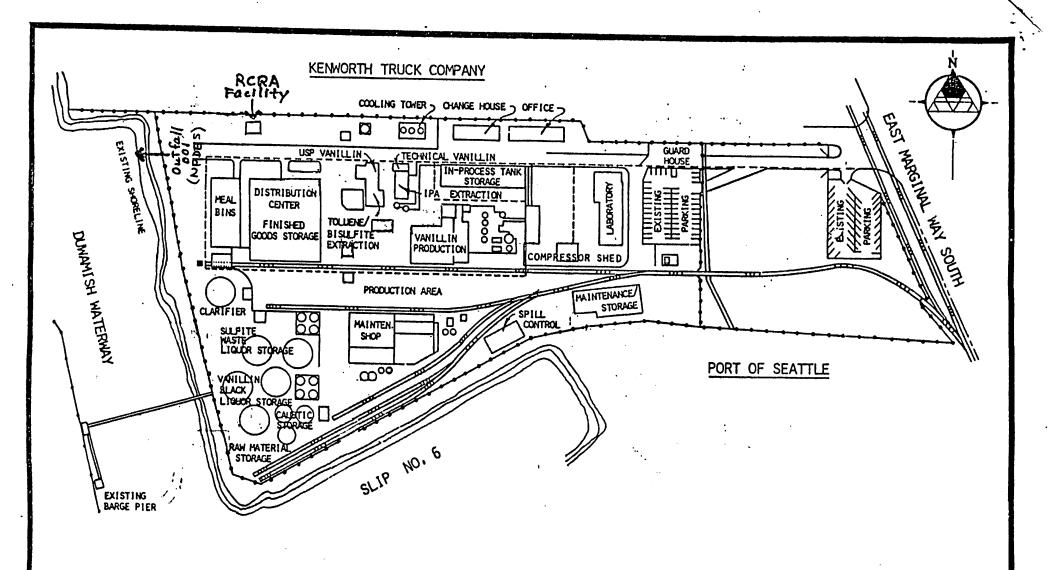


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REFERENCE: SITE PLAN DATED JULY 24,1979 BY LECAIR/RAYBURN & COMPANY

Rhone-Poulenc Inc. Site Map
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IV. DESCRIPTION OF HAZARDOUS WASTES

- A. EPA HAZARDOUS WASTE NUMBER Enter the four-digit number from 40 CFR, Subpart D for each listed hazardous waste you will handle. If you handle hazardous wastes which are not listed in 40 CFR, Subpart D, enter the four-digit number(s) from 40 CFR, Subpart C that describes the characteristics and/or the toxic contaminants of those hazardous wastes.
- B. ESTIMATED ANNUAL QUANTITY For each listed waste entered in column A estimate the quantity of that waste that will be handled on an annual basis. For each characteristic or toxic contaminant entered in column A estimate the total annual quantity of all the non-listed waste(s) that will be handled which possess that characteristic or contaminant.
- C. UNIT OF MEASURE For each quantity entered in column B enter the unit of measure code. Units of measure which must be used and the appropriate codes are:

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If facility records use any other unit of measure for quantity, the units of measure must be converted into one of the required units of measure taking into account the appropriate density or specific gravity of the waste.

1. PROCESS CODES:

For listed hazardous waste: For each listed hazardous waste entered in column A select the code(s) from the list of process codes contained in Item III to indicate how the waste will be stored, treated, and/or disposed of at the facility.

For non-listed hazardous wastes: For each characteristic or toxic contaminant entered in column A, select the code(s) from the list of process codes contained in Item III to indicate all the processes that will be used to store, treat, and/or dispose of all the non-listed hazardous wastes that possess that characteristic or toxic contaminant.

Note: Four spaces are provided for entering process codes. If more are needed: (1) Enter the first three as described above; (2) Enter "000" in the extreme right box of Item IV-D(1); and (3) Enter in the space provided on page 4, the line number and the additional code(s).

2. PROCESS DESCRIPTION: If a code is not listed for a process that will be used, describe the process in the space provided on the form.

NOTE: HAZARDOUS WASTES DESCRIBED BY MORE THAN ONE EPA HAZARDOUS WASTE NUMBER - Hazardous wastes that can be described by more than one EPA Hazardous Waste Number shall be described on the form as follows:

- 1. Select one of the EPA Hazardous Waste Numbers and enter it in column A. On the same line complete columns B,C, and D by estimating the total annual
- quantity of the waste and describing all the processes to be used to treat, store, and/or dispose of the waste.

 In column A of the next line enter the other EPA Hazardous Waste Number that can be used to describe the waste. In column D(2) on that line enter "included with above" and make no other entries on that line,
- 3. Repeat step 2 for each other EPA Hazardous Waste Number that can be used to describe the hazardous waste.

EXAMPLE FOR COMPLETING ITEM IV (shown in line numbers X-1, X-2, X-3, and X-4 below) — A facility will treat and dispose of an estimated 900 pounds per year of chrome shavings from leather tanning and finishing operation. In addition, the facility will treat and dispose of three non-listed wastes. Two wastes are corrosive only and there will be an estimated 200 pounds per year of each waste. The other waste is corrosive and ignitable and there will be an estimated 100 pounds per year of that waste. Treatment will be in an incinerator and disposal will be in a landfill.

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HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

1. Name of Insurer, National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., of 70 Pine Street, New York, N.Y. 10270 hereby certifies that it has issued liability insurance covering bodily injury and property damage to Rhone-Poulenc Inc. (te "Insured"), of CN 5266 Princeton, New Jersey 08543 in connection with the insured obligation to demonstrate financial responsibility under 40 CFR 264.147 or 265.147. The coverage applies at:

Location

Liability Coverage

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Seattle, WA 9229 E. Marginal Way South Seattle. WA 98108 1,000,000/2,000,000

The limits of liability are \$3,000,000 each occurrence and \$6,000,000 annual aggregate exclusive of legal defense costs. The coverage is provided under policy number <u>PRM 7063060</u> issued on 8/18/87. The effective date of said policy is 8/18/87.

- 2. The Insurer further certifies the following with respect to the insurance described in Paragraph 1:
 - a) Bankruptcy or insolvency of the insured shall not relieve the Insurer of its obligations under the policy.
 - b) The Insurer is liable for the payment of amounts within any deductible applicable to the policy, with a right of reimbursement by the insured for any such payment made by the Insurer. This provision does not apply with respect to that amount of any decuctible for which coverage is demonstrated as specified in 40 CFR 264.147(f) or 265.147(f).
 - c) Whenever requested by a Regional Administrator of the U.S.
 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Insurer agrees to
 furnish to the Regional Administrator a signed duplicate original
 of the policy and all endorsements.
 - d) Cancellation of the insurance, whether by the Insurer or the Insured, will be effective only upon written notice and only after the expiration of sixty (60) days after a copy of such written notice is received by the Regional Administrative(s) or the EPA Region(s) in which the facilities are located.

e) Any other termination of the insurance will be effective only upon notice and only after the expiration of thirty (30) days of such written notice is received by the Regional Administrator(s) of the EPA Region(s) in which the facilities are located.

I hereby certify that the wording of this instrument is identical to the wording specified in 40 CFR 264.151(j) as such regulation was constituted on the date first above written, and that the Insurer is licensed to transact the business of insurance or eligible to provide insurance as an excess or surplus lines insurer, in one or more States.

Signature of Authorized representative of Insurer



IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT NO. 810766

THE DIRECTOR
Washington State Department of Ecology
Northeast Regional Office
4350 150th Avenue North East
Redmond, Washington 98052

Dear Sir or Madam:

We hereby establish our Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No.810766 in your favor, at the request and for the account of Rhone Poulenc, Inc., 9229 E. Marginal Way South, Seattle, Washington 98108 up to an aggregate amount of (United States Dollars Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred) U.S.\$17,800.00 available upon presentation of:

- (1) your sight draft, bearing reference of this Letter of Credit No.810766 and
- (2) your signed statement reading as follows " I certify that the amount of the draft is payable pursuant to regulations issued under authority of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 as amended, and the Hazardous Waste Disposal Act as amended (Chapter 70.105 RCW)."

This letter of credit is effective as of July 20, 1988 and shall expire on July 20, 1989, but such expiration date shall be automatically extended for a period of 1 (one) year on July 20, 1989 and on each successive expiration date, unless, at least 120 (one hundred twenty) days before the current expiration date, we notify both you and Rhone Poulenc, Inc. by certified mail that we have decided not to extend this letter of credit beyond the current expiration date. In the event you are so notified, any unused portion of the credit shall be available upon presentation of your sight draft for 120 days after the date of receipt by both you and Rhone Poulenc, Inc. as shown on the signed return receipts.

Whenever this letter of credit is drawn on under and in compliance with the terms of this credit, we shall duly honor such draft upon presentation to us, and we shall deposit the amount of the draft directly into the standby trust fund of Rhone Poulenc, Inc. in accordance with your instructions.

We certify that the wording of this letter of credit is, with the exception of changes required by Washington State Department of Ecology to assure compliance with the financial requirements of WAC 173-303-400 and/or WAC 173-303-620(10), identical to the wordings specified in 40 CFR 264.151(d) as such regulations were constituted on the date shown immediately below..

This credit is subject to the most recent edition of the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits published by the International Chamber of Commerce.

Very truly yours,

BARCLAYS BANK PLC

Pamela Seeley

Authorized Signature

July 19, 1988

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